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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Collection Guidance Staff

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Reporting on VC/NVA Use of Cambodian Territory - (S-1937)

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1. [REDACTED] reporting on VC/NVA use of Cambodian territory has concentrated on the logistics aspect of VC use of Cambodia. Between 1 March and 8 June, [REDACTED] reports dealing with VC procurement of supplies in Cambodia. These reports appear to be generally reliable and have confirmed VC organization of systematic supply operations from Cambodia. The intelligence is timely and pertinent to a critical intelligence requirement.

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2. MACV and DIA reporting has also improved. MACV has made a distinct effort to highlight captured documents and prisoner-of-war reports on VC use of Cambodia by issuing separate, special reports on this subject. This reporting has been especially valuable in providing information on VC use of Cambodia for sanctuary.

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3. A lack of definitive intelligence on many aspects of VC use of Cambodia persists, however, and additional collection is required. Additional reporting on VC/NVA purchases of supplies in Cambodia, the method of transport, the destination, the means of payment, and participation of the Cambodian government would be extremely valuable in determining the size, nature, and significance of VC/NVA logistic support from Cambodia. Similar questions on VC use of Cambodia for sanctuary, infiltration, and rest and training areas remain unanswered. On the basic questions of the volume of logistics support, the scope of VC use of Cambodia as a safe haven, and the significance that the VC attach to the use of Cambodia, it remains difficult, if not impossible, to coordinate a coherent intelligence assessment.

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